

LIFE OF MONTY

#21

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What infamous 'zine (besides LE FRONT DU etc.) did NOT appear in the 1982 ZINE DIRECTORY, available for \$1 from Mike Mills, 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, NY 10901? Yes, it's LIFE OF MONTY, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 802 Ida Sprout Hall, 2400 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720, phone (415) 643-2185, and no collect calls. Speaking of addresses, here's something that's

IMPORTANT

BEGINNING JUNE 1, MAIL ADDRESSED TO ME SHOULD BE MAILED TO 142 ELISEO DRIVE, GRENDBRAE, CA 94904. ONCE I MOVE OUT OF THE BERKELEY DOOM, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED TO ME - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED IN ADVANCE.

Now that that's over with....."MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD. Now, here's the news...."

Good morning/afternoon/evening, North Americans & all the ships in space, plus those crewmen aboard any & all ships participating in the Anglo-Argentine standoff down south, or at least those crewmen who can read English, insofar as this isn't translated by the VOA. (That's VOICE OF AMERICA, one of the American shortwave services.) Did you ever notice that nobody ever says "good night" meaning "hello"?

For you SPI-types out there, the Falkland Islands don't appear on any part of the TASK FORCE map, but AIR WAR does have Hawker Harriers (the expanded AW does, at least) and Mirage IIICs, for you "might-have been" types who don't expect any real action. The newspapers have been misleading the general public about the islands' resources. Oil isn't the reason for the "fighting"; it's the area's accessibility to Antarctica and one of the most little-known sources of food & fuel - PENGUINS.

OR, maybe it's because Argentina is garnisheeing the area until England (oops, I meant U.K.) forks over a share of the receipts from EVITA.

Now, if you who remember the first MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS series in 1969, save the day for Britain: send in HAROLD to rally the sheep! (For those uneducated members of the reading audience, Harold is the original Flying Sheep, although the sheep don't as much fly as plummet.)

Want to earn some EASY MONEY? I need stamps 709 and 710 for the McDONALD'S \$20,000,000 QUALITY IN THE BAG GAME. IF I should happen to win the \$100,000 as a result, the persons sending me the stamps will each receive FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (before taxes)! Any other stamps you may have will be appreciated, however.

Forget it - somebody else won the \$100,000

There'll be another contest
soon (there always is)

SURPRISE! Rumor has it (and it's from a VERY HIGH SOURCE) that TSR, the D&D makers, has bought out SPI, the makers of EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES, THE CRUSADES, SPIES, etc. (Note that CONQUISTADOR is now made by Avalon Hill.) The question is: insofar as SPI was planning to attend ORIGINS 82 and TSR wasn't, will the SPI tournaments be run? For that matter, what happens to STRATEGY & TACTICS?

ANOTHER SURPRISE! What with unbelievable numbers of games "coming to a close" lately, there will be game openings in LOM. However, there is NO WAY you're going to get ME to GM any of them, so you better hope that some of those guest GMs from last issue want to start new ones right here. Acyually, Dick Martin gave me the idea to open new games.... anybody out there want to sucker him into a game? How about a 1981CP rematch? (Impossible; Mark Lew no longer subscribes - how about 6 out of 7?) See elsewhere thisish for details.

This June marks the first anniversary of the day Dick Martin did NOT get married. Meanwhile, Bruce Linsey is still 0-for-2, from what I've heard in the past. Third time's the charm, BRUX. Of course, that doesn't apply if you end up becoming a member of the clergy. (No, I did NOT just say that BRUX is becoming a member of the Clergy - it's strictly "What If?")

Recent reports have said that the Princess of Wales (all right, who said Princess Diana? No lemon curry with dinner tonight) is going to have a boy sometime in July. Which brings up this issue's first question: just what IS the chance of having a boy? Three cheers and a SPLUNGE to those of you who said 1/2. (Did he say SPLUNGE?)

Queen Elizabeth says that Canada's new constitution will strenghten Canada's unity. I say break out your copies of CANADIAN CIVIL WAR and QUEBEC LIBRE! since Quebec is on another secession kick. It won't succeed, though - at least, not until Clark's Conservatives return to power, which may not be for a while. (Reminds me of something I heard on KING OF KENSINGTON once: "I'm on the phone with Joe Clark!" "Joe Who?")

Last time, I was supposed to give the latest news from the home front. Last week, the rain wouldn't stop - today, it's EIGHTY DEGREES. (With apologies to Mark Berch, although I don't know why.) Naturally, the heater picks this time to start working, and there's NO air conditioning here (we pay enough \$\$ as it is; besides, it probably wouldn't work).

It's almost time for the BAY TO BREAKERS RACE, the most popular race in the United States (probably because of the distance - 7.63 miles), with well over 10,000 runners all starting on ONE street - I've heard of 30 minute delays between hearing the gun and crossing the STARTING line. (Naturally, the front-runners start at the front of the pack.) No, I will NOT be in the race....all bets are off.

The SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM lives on in Berkeley! (See issue 12 of EUROPA EXPRESS for details.) Meanwhile, ALBERTO SALAZAR just won the Boston Marathon (real exciting - I wonder if Avalon Hill is going to work on a statistically-based Marathon-running game?).

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING: Here's a commercial just broadcast: America has three official days of mourning - Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and April 15.....

Lemon curry?

Good night!

LATE NEWS: CAL wins the National Rugby title (#3 in a row) with a 15-14 victory...

OOPS! This month's official LOM apology goes to.....

TOM SWIDER

I was under the impression that Tom attended college at Binghamton State U., so I said that the next New York con (either ByrneCon or MediocreCon) would be for Tom's 19th birthday. Apparently, it was his 18th after all. (There's still time to swing him toward Berkeley....)

PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PLAY-LIST-PL

Everybody ELSE's playlists consist of a bunch of albums.....here's a playlist that's worth something!

DONKEY KONG, Nintendo
VENTURE, Exidy
MS. PAC-MAN, Midway
TEMPEST, Atari
BATTLEZONE, Atari
QIX, Taito

Yes, this playlist is a true PLAYlist, and it IS worth something - 25¢ a shot to the game owners. By the way, there's a law in Berkeley which prohibits people under 18 from playing video arcades before 3:00 on school days.....

QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QUARTER-QU

I still remember the good old days, when you could get 3 games for 25¢. Then again, video games hadn't been invented yet.

"I think we've been around long enough to know that....."
Who said that?

"Robert Sacks, from New York, NY.....John Boardman, from Brooklyn, NY.... Allan Calhmer, from La Grange Park, IL....Doug Beyerlein, from Pal - er, Northern California (the Berkeley audience wouldn't like it if he had said Palo Alto, home of arch-rival Stanford).....those are the varsity dippers from the DIPLOMATIC OLD GUARD.....I'm Alan Moon, the captain of this team, and over there are Tom Shaw and Don Greenwood, and right here's Jack Dott, but don't bother asking us where we live insofar as we're not supposed to mention anyplace except Baltimore, MD for some strange reason (like, for example, the guy doing the typing has no idea where Shaw, Greenwood, and Dott live).....and those are the varsity dippers from AVALON HILL!"

"It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's favorite game that's best with wooden blocks, but certain people claim that the pieces were too hard to distinguish France and Italy by, and nobody could do a decent paint job, so plastic stars & anchors had to be included, but \$10 will get you a set of wooden blocks, and no, you can't trade plastic for wooden - where was I? Oh, yes....the varsity sport of the month,

STARS & BARS
WHITESTOCK INSTITUTE
OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST

OLD GUARD

AVALON HILL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEPT-BOOGLERS

ENDWELLIAN SOCIETY
OF MEDIOCRITY



Over Life Chiropractic College

The eleventh game of the 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT comes to you almost LIVE from Wheeler Hall on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley....

"Before we start today's match, I'd like to read this telegram from TSR directed towards the AH team: 'Gentlemen: Congratulations on beating SPI in the first round. As had been predicted, their resulting downfall enabled us to take the company over. Keep up the good work.' (TWELEET) 'There's the whistle to start the game, and it just goes to show how serious some people take DIP BOWL. The bonus is worth 20 points - here's the tossup: assuming that Spring 1901 is the first move - for 10 points, what is the earliest season in which a Russian unit can occupy Portugal? (Pause) (RRRRING)

"AH, Moon....Spring 1901, if you can cheat"

"Sorry, no cheating allowed-" (BUZZZZ)

"Old Guard, Sacks....A unit could get in during Fall 1903, if that's what you mean"

"I guess we can accept that, and here's the bonus: for 10 points each, name the two neutral NON-supply centers."

(Usual discussion, then Calhauer, the captain, answers, as the captain is supposed to do during a bonus) "Albania and North Africa"

"You would answer that one....the next bonus is worth 30 points, here comes the tossup for 10: not including the Caspian Sea, one country is touched by more sea areas than any other in Dip-" (BUZZZZ)

"Old Guard, Beyerlein....Norway"

"Five point penalty, and I'll finish the question. More sea areas than any other in Diplomacy - which one?" (RRRRING)

"AH, Moon....Denmark" (Did you ever notice how he's the only guy on that team that knows very much about Diplomacy?)

"No, it's England with 5."

"WHAAAAAT??!" could be heard from eight certain voices

"I said COUNTRY, now didn't I? The next bonus is worth 30 points, still, and here's the next question: the ten-year-old kid is twelve years old now-" (BUZZZZZ)

"Old Guard, Boardman....sounds like Kathy Byrne's dirty work"

"We don't get into personal matters here, but here's the 30-point bonus: I'll describe three coats of arms found in KINGMAKER, and, for 10 points, you name the nobles. First, a yellow lion on a red background." (Pause) "Captain?" (Pause) "Time - Fitzalan. Second: three red dots on a yellow background."

"Uh, er, ah, Courtenay"

"Right- third, a white chevron and 10 white dots on red."

"Berkeley" (Crowd cheers)

"I had to throw that one in...."

The scene shifts to just before the end of the game

"Here's the next tossup: the name's the same - something you see on an American coin-" (RRRRING)

"AH, Greenwood....Made in USA?"

"5 points off - too much GI:ANVIL OF VICTORY, perhaps? Anyway, something on an American coin is the same as something that somebody who unsuccessfully stood in front of a Kathy Byrne win-" (BUZZZZZ)

"Old Guard, Beyerlein....E Pluribus Unum"

"Exactly - 'One Out Of Many', and here's (TWELEET) Oops, there's the whistle to end the game....it's official! The final score is 465 for the Diplomatic Old Guard to -10 for Avalon Hill - the Old Guard wins!"

Next time on DIP BOWL, the Southern California Dipsy-Doodlers meet the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity right here on DIP BOWL. Remember, questions and answers on DIP BOWL do not (necessarily) represent the ACTUAL knowledge or personal views of the people whose names are used.

Or do they? Only STABADIN
knows for sure...

And now, a report from the chairman of the NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD COMMITTEE ON THE GRADING OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL NADB EXAMINATION.

Good (fill in the appropriate time of day, c.g. morning). It has come to my attention that the results of the last NADB examination were never revealed to anybody. Insofar as the NADB policy is, now, to publically reveal the examination scores, and since the NADB keeps the answer sheets on file, the results will be posted right here....

BUT FIRST, a word on the scoring system used. You may notice that the range of scores is VERY close - this is because the average of the 6 scores is considered a 500 and a perfect score of +70 (score = number right - 1/2 number wrong; remember, non-answered questions are NOT counted as wrong) is an 800, and the scores ranged from +8 to +22.

BERCH, MARK	520	The NADB would like to remind
BYRNE, KATHY	460	all of you (unless you've never
CARUSO, JOHN	500	heard of the NADB, in which case
MICALSKI, JOHN	510	this is the first time) that the
PACK, JOHN	480	examination does NOT limit itself
SHERWOOD, KEITH	540	to questions about Diplomacy &
		the hobby, but includes general
		wargaming & trivia questions -
		one of the things that one of the
		exam-takers complained about.

I believe it said "SEMI-ANNUAL" on top. The last examination was given in issue #15 - about 6 months ago. However, due to certain complaints about the "boring questions about games," the standard NADB exam will not be given this time (look for it soon). Instead,.....

NA DB 1982 NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BOARD DIPLOMACY ADVANCEMENT EXAMINATION

I don't like white space, either,
but what could I do to fill this?

BEFORE GOING TO THE NEXT PAGE AND BEGINNING THE EXAMINATION, READ THIS: This examination is based on the game of DIPLOMACY and the Diplomacy Hobby of North America. Be sure you have the correct examination - once you begin, the fee is not refundable. (There isn't any fee - that's the main reason.) Answers should be placed on a letter or postcard and mailed back to the NADB Office of Advancement in Greenbrae, CA (same address as mine) before JUNE 13, 1982. The NADB may see fit to give awards (i.e. sub extensions), but don't count on it (well, maybe - a substitute may be given if a person trades for LOM).

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As usual, the examination begins with MULTIPLE-CHOICE questions

- 1) Back at ORIGINS 80, what little-known variant did Dick Martin play that he described in RETALIATION?
A) Linsey's Vatican Variant B) Tyrolia Squabble C) Pythonic Diplomacy
D) Caspian Sea Special E) Kingmaker
- 2) What area is in the center of the map on the Conference Map sheets?
A) Tyrolia B) Silesia C) Prussia D) Warsaw E) Bohemia
- 3) NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST has been classified as a Diplomacy variant - what's its Miller Classification?
A) gf09 B) gf10 C) gf11 D) gf12 E) gf13
- 4) Speaking of NH, what's the copyright date on it?
A) 1974 B) 1975 C) 1976 D) 1977 E) It's not copyrighted
- 5) In which high-school class would you find someone named Alex Lord?
A) 1982 B) 1983 C) 1984 D) 1985 E) 1986
- 6) What magazine has a subzine known as DIPLO-HACKER DAILY?
A) KRIEGSRAT B) AMERICAN WARGAMER C) COAT OF ARMS D) BRUTUS BULLETIN
E) XENOGOGIC
- 7) There is a large block of supply centers, each of which is adjacent to at least one other one. How many SCs are not in this block?
A) None B) 3 C) 6 D) 9 E) 33
- 8) How many SCs are not adjacent to any other SCs?
A) None B) 1 C) 2 D) 3 E) 4
- 9) How many issues of THE VOICE OF DOOM came out in 1981?
A) 14 B) 20 C) 27 D) 35 E) 42
- 10) Which one of these fakes was not done by Jack Masters?
A) PELK #1 B) PEEK #2 C) EUROPA EXPRESS (Digest-Sized, Yellow Cover)
D) NAVAL ORANGE E) PEARL
- 11) The "Eric Blake" scandal was made public by Rod Walker in EUROPA EXPRESS - which issue?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) The fake
- 12) PEEK #2 was addressed by the same person who addressed the fake:
A) MURDERING MINISTERS B) RETALIATION C) LIFE OF MONTY
D) BRUTUS BULLETIN E) VOICE OF DOOM (Rinky Pink)
- 13) How many sea areas are adjacent to four other sea areas?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5
- 14) The first DIP BOWL World Championship appeared in which issue of LIFE OF MONTY?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) None of these

Having fun? (I thought as much)

15) There is a block of non-SC land areas, each area being adjacent to at least another of these areas. How many provinces are in this block?

A) 1 B) 3 C) 5 D) 7 E) 8

16) In which issue of THE BRUTUS BULLETIN did the last "issue" of EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY appear?

A) 81 B) 89 C) 98 D) 72 E) 101

17) What's Fred Davis's self-proclaimed nickname?

A) Uncle Freddie B) Old Geezer C) Needle-Nose D) Mud E) All of these

18) During which month of 1980 did John Daly get married?

A) July B) August C) September D) October E) November

19) How many issues of INVASION came out?

A) 5 B) 10 C) 15 D) 20 E) 25

20) According to the Avalon Hill brochure, what are the key elements in Diplomacy?

A) Trust and negotiation B) Trust and treachery C) Trust and skill
D) Trust and more trust E) John Michalski & Kathy Byrne

Now for the short-answer questions....

21) With what event is the Committee of One/Two/Three involved?

22) Back when most of Avalon Hill's bookcase games sold for \$10, what did Diplomacy sell for?

23) What was the cover page of THE BRUTUS BULLETIN #82?

24) Who won the GOLDEN FROG award for Best Hobbist of 1980?

25) How many "Rules to be used in formulating a set of house rules" are there, according to BLACK FROG #39?

26) Whose scoring system takes points off for talking during a retreat or build/removal period?

27) Who won the Diplomacy tournament at ORIGINS 80?

A number of 'zines have switched from 8 1/2 x 11. For each of the named 'zines, name the issue number which was the first in reduced (digest-sized) format. (Questions 28-32)

28) ENVOY

29) JUST AMONG FRIENDS

30) JIHAD!

31) LIFE OF MONTY

32) EUROPA EXPRESS

33) Who was accused of being an Oaklyn/Tretick pseudonym in THE SHOGUN'S SWORD's Vacation Diplomacy game?

34) The last issue of THE CHAMBER was a double issue. What were the issue numbers?

35) What was on the 20c stamp used in the days of 15c first-class postage?

154 ... the good old days

Nice, huh? OK, time for a break with the TRUE-FALSE questions....

- 36) THE BUZZARD'S BREATH does not run Diplomacy.
- 37) THE AMERICAN WARGAMER, on the other hand, does.
- 38) The last (legitimate) issue of THE VOICE OF DOOM where none of the pages were white was issue #26.
- 39) KATHY'S KORNER first appeared in WHITESTONIA #23.
- 40) According to an article that appeared in THE GENERAL a while back, you can't have a good game of regular Dip without 7 players.
- 41) GRAUSTARK has never been faked.
- 42) Neither has JUST AMONG FRIENDS.
- 43) Through EVERYTHING #50, Kathy Byrne had 3 losses.
- 44) The people in Berkeley (excluding me, of course) are so naive that they couldn't find any ambiguities in the Diplomacy rulebook.
- 45) According to John Boardman's article, Rod Walker was "a very good choice for editor of Avalon Hill's THE GAMER'S GUIDE TO DIPLOMACY".
- 46) In the same issue of LIFE OF MONTY, Rod Walker said that Conrad von Metzke published the 'zine I CARAMBA under a pseudonym. (Not that Rod's article (of sorts) was published in LOM under a pseudonym.)
- 47) There are some people in the Diplomacy hobby who don't put Diplomacy above any other "adventure game," as they're called now.
- 48) In SPI's magazine ARES, a game called LAND OF FAERIE was published which looked similar to Diplomacy.
- 49) Since the last NADB exam, Mark Berch has not printed any more of those boring stories about his trips to who-knows-where. (What? Oh, hi, Mark....no, no, that story wasn't boring, it was very nice, see what you made me do, I've got a run-on sentence....)
- 50) RUNESTONE is always blue on white.

Last, and most, the ESSAY QUESTIONS!

- 51) Who, in your opinion (and why) is the person in the Diplomacy hobby you would least like to be at this moment?
- 52) Who, in your opinion, is the person in the Diplomacy hobby who would least like to be you at this moment, besides the person mentioned in question 51?
- 53) Who, according to you, won the 1981 National Diplomacy Championship? (Face-to-face)
- 54) What would you do if there were no big Diplomacy conventions in your region this year?
- 55) You just got a 'zine in the mail which you immediately line the bottom of your bird's cage with. Which 'zine?
- 56) Which hobbyist would NEVER start a feud?
- 57) Mark Berch's birthday was on May 8. How old is he, and why are you glad you aren't as old as/older than he is?
- 58) John Michalski also just had a birthday (on April 25). See #57.

Happy Birthday, M & J

60) Enclose a picture of yourself (photos earn full credit).

Answers are due at the Greenbrae address (see page 1) by JUNE 13.
As usual, there's a MYSTERY PRIZE for the high scorer.

FALL 1907.....ITALIAN REAL ESTATE SKYROCKETS
IN VALUE AS FOREIGN INTERESTS
GOBBLE IT UP

TURKEY (La Beau): A Vie-TRI, A Ukr-GAL, F Adr-VEN (s A APU), F TYH-Rom
(s F NAP), F Tun-Tyh (d-retreat to Ion, OTB)

TURKEY: Smy, Bul, Ank, Gre, Ser, ~~Yld~~, ~~Bud~~, ~~Tun~~, NAP, VEN - 7, even or build 1

PARIS: Bounce in BEL and NTH are pre-arranged. Vote for the draw.

To the victors - salute, to the losers-- shame and abuse, but considering the NARS, the lack of correspondence, the poor gamemastering, and the lack of interest in this game, the taste of victory isn't as sweet as one might expect.

How many mistakes this month?

I salute my compadre, Steve Rose (Larry) as a true ally - may he live long and prosper. I would also like to acknowledge Carter (Italy) and Ashley (Russia) for their valiant efforts in stopping our steam-roller that had broken all draw-lines. If there had been better communication between A-R-T, we wouldn't have had such an easy victory.

I also sincerely appreciate "Mr." Del Grande for widowing this orphan and di-heartly bearing with us to its finish. I wish him to please note that I subbed in this game starting Fall 1903, not Fall 1904 as indicated on the final chart.

((Oops - it said Fall 1904 on the sheet Tony Watson gave me. I'll have to tell that to Don Ditter so it can go into the records correctly. Speaking of whom, I'd like to thank Tony Watson of KERTANIA for allowing me to take over the game, and John Daly of the US Orphan Service for his assistance.))

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FALL 1904.....BIG THREE MAKE GAINS

AUSTRIA (Lucas): A VEN S A Rom, A Tyo-MUN, F ION-Nap (s F ROM),
A Ser-BUL, A Bud-VIE

FRANCE (Winger): F Edi-NTH, A Lvp-EDI (s F LON), F Nth-HOL (s A BEL),
A PIE-Tus, F Lyo-WES

GERMANY (CD) has A PRU and A SIL; A Hol was wiped out

ITALY (Diamond): A TUN-Nap (c F TYH), A TUS-Rom

RUSSIA (Sherwood): F Kie-BER, A DEN H, A Sev-RUM (s A GAL, F BLA),
A WAR-Sil, A Mos-UKR, F Bar-NWG, F NWY H

TURKEY (Carter): A GRE H, F SMY H, F EAS H

1981AS will remain under my control. Here are the SC counts:

AUSTRIA - Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, ~~Mar~~, Rom, MUN, VEN, BUL - 8, build 2

ENGLAND - ~~Yon~~, ~~Edi~~ - 0, out

FRANCE - Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Lvp, LON, EDI, Bel, HOL - 10, build 3

GERMANY - ~~Ber~~, ~~Mun~~, ~~Hol~~ - 0, out

ITALY - Nap, ~~Yon~~, Tun - 2, remove 1

RUSSIA - Sev, War, Mos, Stp, Swe, Nwy, Ank, Den, Kie, RUM, BER - 11,

TURKEY - Smy, Con, ~~Edi~~, Gre - 3, even build 2

Dave Carter has resigned as Turkey (by the way, Dave, I did find your 1981 AS orders - but why did you wait before telling me?); there are no standbys available, so (moan) Turkey goes into CD. Press follows:

PARIS: TRO-TRO-TRO your boats...

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: I have to sleep with people crazier than me, who else?

PARIS-LUCAS: Tunis is mine, sayth the lard.

FRANCE: French mail will be received in Potomac, MD only until May 21 -
then at San Bruno until relocation is effected to Denver.

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: OK, Keith, let's do it.

RUSSIA-WORLD: Our game is observing its first anniversary! Although

They call me MISTER - though
I don't know why

RUSSIA QUOTES LED ZEPTLIN TO AUSTRIA: Communication breakdown...

FALL 1908 - RUSSIA'S STUCK?

Correction from last time:
Austria's move to Vienna
succeeded

AUSTRIA: F TUN S TURKISH F EAS-ION, A WAR S TURKISH A UKR-GAL,
A VEN-ROM, A TRI-VIE, A SER-BUD

FRANCE: NMIR

GERMANY: F BAL-SWE (s F DEN), A SWI-TYO, A VIE S RUSSIAN A GAL-BUD (nso),
A PIC-BRE, A MAR-SPA, A BUR-MAR

ITALY: F ION-GRE, A ROM-VEN (s A TUS)

ITALY: F ION-GRE, A ROM-VEN (S R 188)
RUSSIA: A GAL-VIE, A NWY-STP, F SWE-NWY

RUSSIA: A GAL-VIE, A NWI-SIP, F SWE-NWI
TURKEY: F EAS-ION (S F AEG), F CON-BUL(sc), A UKR S A MOS, A ROM S F
CON-BUL(sc), A MOS S AUSTRIAN A WAR

AUSTRIA: A TRI-BUD, A SER-GRE

GERMANY: A VIE-TRI, F BAL S F DEN, F DEN S RUSSIAN F SWE

ITALY: A TUS-PIE, F ION-ADR

RUSSIA: A GAL-BUD, F SWE-SKA

AUSTRIA (Barno): F TUN S TURKISH F Eas-Ion, A WAR S TURKISH A UKR-GAL (nso),
A Ven-Rom (d-retreat), A TRI-Bud, A SER-Bud

ENGLAND (Rollin): NMR - has F NTH, F SKA, A STP, F BAR

FRANCE (CD) has F MAO

GERMANY (Martin): F Bal-SWE (s F DEN), A Swi-TYO, A Pic-BRE, A Mar-SPA,
A Bur-MAR, A VIE-Tri

ITALY (Jugh): A Rom-VEN (s A TUS), F Ion-GRE

RUSSIA (Daugherty): A GAL-Bud, A NWY-Stp, F Swe-Ska (d-retreat)

TURKEY (Carter): F Con-BUL(sc) (s A RUM), F Eas-ION (s F AEG),
A UKR S A MOS, A MOS S AUSTRIAN A WAR

AUSTRIA: Bud, Tri, Ser, ~~Vie~~, ~~Gr~~, TUN, WAR - 5, even or build 1

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lvp, ~~Mry~~, STP - 4, even

FRANCE: Brf, Par - 1, even

GERMANY: Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Hol, Bel, Swi, SWE, BRE, SPA, MAR, VIE - 12,
build 5 (room for 3)

ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, GRE - 4, build 1

RUSSIA: ~~SEP~~, ~~WAR~~, ~~SEE~~, NWY - 1, remove 1 or 2

TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Con, Rum, Sev, Mos, BUL - 7, build 1

5 builds? No refunds!

AUTUMN and WINTER 1903 and SPRING 1904 orders are due (in Greenbrae - see page 1) by JUNE 15. There's an A/T draw proposed. Press:

RUS-AUS: Sorry. Economic Necessities.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: You're the only one standing between Martin and 5 dots - he should have 4 of them this turn. Stop him, already, will ya?

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Forgive me. Desperate times call for desperate deceptions.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Sorry Mykey.

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Sorry MIKEELEY!

GERMANY-GM: I have a proposed rule change: with the exception of "hold" orders, no secondary order may be identical to the primary order.

GM: If the others agree to use it, we will.

POPE-SCOOPER: I've played in 20-or-more stand-by Diplomacy games and have yet to see one more out-of-hand (via CD) than this one! Is there a possibility that Germany won't get 18 centers before Turkey gets his fleets into the Western Mediterranean?? What a farce! A Greek in a circus has better chances than a fart in this man's church! ((Huh? By the way, 1981Prb21 is this game's MILLER number - Boardman numbers don't apply to variants))

By the way, Dave Carter has resigned, and Bill Hugh will resign next turn. (Oh, great.....)

..... M I L L E R

TURN 7....BELIEVE ME, THAT'S NO PARLIAMENT IN COVENTRY!

Let me correct a few things: Le Rose finished the turn in Milford Haven and didn't sink; Mowbray was in Shrewsbury(c).

PRE-MOVEMENT: Hastings appears at Tutbury; Plantagenet-York appears at Stokestay (call him Plantagenet-York, NOT Stokestay!)

MOVEMENT: STANLEY and HERBERT moved to Chirk
BEAUFORT and COURTENAY moved to w31
GREY and LeROSE moved to Cardiff
AUDLEY is a prisoner
LeLUCAS moved to Maldon
LeSWAN remained at Caister
BERKELEY, CROMWELL, HASTINGS, HOLLAND, MOWBRAY, NEVILLE, PERCY, PLANT.-YORK, ROOS, STAFFORD, and TALBOT meet at Coventry(c)

COMBAT: STAFFORD, HOLLAND, TALBOT, NEVILLE, MOWBRAY, and BERKELEY attack HASTINGS, PLANT-YORK, ROOS, PERCY, and CROMWELL (450-370). Non-event to the Hastings' faction; PLAGUE-Nottingham, Leicester, Coventry (3-1). Indecisive. Roos was killed in action; Earl of Westmorland and Marshal go to chancery; Archbishop of York also goes to chancery; Newcastle card, Scots Archers, and 2 Saxons removed.
(Roos's Card also sent to ~~the~~ Crown Deck)

YOUR NEXT CROWN CARD (plus any holding card):

TURN 8 EVENTS: non-events to all but Wyatt; MERCENARIES GO HOME- Flemish Crossbowmen

Never could trust the Flemish -
where is Flenland, anyway?

TURN 8 orders are due (in Greenbrae - see page 1) by JUNE 13.
HERE IS A LIST OF YOUR NOBLES (with awards) PLUS CARDS IN HAND:

PRESS.....Squire of Coventry to Roos & Co.: "I say, I do hope you will
at least cover the cost of broken glass and locks."
GM to Squire: Siege wasn't possible because of the regular combat.
Stafford to All: "Let's see, first I go here, then there, and oops--
it's Coventry!"
Berkeley to GM: "How much for an Event Call to Black Heath for the
Marshal?"
GM to Berkeley: You owe enough for that death roll to the Marshal....
GM to Reagan: In LOM #9, the variant cards were listed, plus the
Combat at Sea option.

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GAME
OPENINGS

NO, I'm NOT going crazy - there are GAME
OPENINGS available! But don't think I'm
going to be the GM. (Like I said - I'm
not crazy.)

You GUEST GMs out there - let me know whether or not you're willing to
open a game in LOM, and, if you are, what the conditions are (whose
house rules, length of time between deadlines, game fees, etc.).

SPIES.....Signed up: Wyatt, Reagan, D. Hanson, Peterson - need one more.
(SPIES is one of very few games that's EASIER than Diplomacy -
one of the reasons I'm still keeping this one open.) Anybody
out there interested? For that matter, are the original four
still interested?

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Is the trade on or off? I'm
not certain, myself

I've got a couple of extra pages left over, so here are some late breaking things.....

It seems that JOHN CARUSO (the next DipCon champ, according to me) put out the first "Leeder Poll Ballot". Speaking of which..... THE FIFTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMEMASTER and SIXTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE polls are currently being run. In the GM poll, rate those GMS of games which you played in at any time after April 1, 1981. List the GMS in alphabetical order and rate each from 0 (the lowest) to 10 (whole numbers only). In the zine poll, any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy which has been published at least once since April 1, 1981 can be rated. (For example, DIPLOMACY DIGEST, DIPLOMACY WORLD, and the CALIFORNIA DIPLOMACY NEWSLETTER can be rated, whereas John Boardman's EMPIRE can't.) Rate the series, not individual issues (i.e. rate (e.g.) LIFE OF MONTY based on LOMs as a whole and not any specific issue), and rate only zines of which you have seen enough issues to form an objective assessment of the quality of the publication. DO NOT rate zines based on hearsay evidence! (In other words, don't give BLACK FROG a bad rating just because of the evidence linking Jack Masters with plagiarism of stories, or LE FRONT.... because of the Ian Eckloff thing, or GRAUSTARK simply because you voted Republican in the last election, for example.) (Actually, John Leeder said "do not base votes on hobby feuds, agreement or disagreement with the editor's opinions, etc.") Again, rate the zines alphabetically, and from 0 to 10 without fractions. GMS may not rate themselves, publishers may not rate their own zines, and no GM or zine outside of North America may be rated, although people from outside NA may rate GMS and zines of NA. YOU MUST SIGN YOUR NAME AND INDICATE WHAT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE DIPLOMACY HOBBY IS! Ballots should be mailed to: JOHN LEEDER, 605 15th STREET NW, CALGARY, ALTA. T2N 2B1, CANADA. Remember that "C" stamps cannot be used (nor can "A", "B", or the 1981 Xmas issue (USA)). Deadline is JUNE 30. Results will first appear in DIPLOMACY WORLD.

I see that THE 'ZINE DIRECTORY 1982 has been published. It costs \$1 and is available from Mike Mills, 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, NY 10901. TZD is a PRICELESS book of just about every reliable 'zine in the world (yes, I mean WORLD) (and I do mean "just about" - LOM isn't in there!) - I got my start in the Diplomacy hobby thanks to the first ZD two years ago. Send for yours today!

Are you a holdout like I was? Yes, for a long time, I didn't read DIPLOMACY WORLD. Now, I can't remember how I survived without it. You say you can't decide? Well, Rod Walker, "Alcala", 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024, has available a DIPLOMACY WORLD SAMPLER for FREE (contains 12 pages from the latest DW) upon request. The next sampler will be available at DipCon.

Speaking of cons....PACIFICON '82 will, as usual, be held Labor Day Weekend (September 3-5) at the Dunfey Hotel, corner of State 92 and US 101 in San Mateo, CA. For information (eventually), write to Pacificon at Box 5548, San Jose, CA 95150. Flying Buffalo, Inc. will be there, and rumor has it that they will be releasing NUCLEAR ESCALATION (the NUCLEAR WAR expansion) at about that time.

Another ORIGINS prediction! ALAN MOON will personally score the winning touchdown as Avalon Hill beats The World in touch football. (This will make up for the fact that his LAND OF THE GIANTS will not be available until PACIFICON at the earliest.

Speaking of games, what Al games will the man who has probably paid Alan Moon's entire salary with the Al games I've bought buy this year?

I'm sure you've been dying
to ask me that

Well, let's check out this list: (This list contains games on the "In The Works" section of THE GENERAL 18/5. Of the latest releases, the only one I have is GUNSLINGER.)

Definitely will be on my shelf (if I can find room): GI: ANVIL OF VICTORY (SQUAD LEADER gamette #3), RED SKY AT MORNING, and LAND OF THE GIANTS.

Maybe: SLAPSHOT (another Alan Moon development, from a Gamma Two original), WESTERN CAMPAIGN (not scheduled for ORIGINS release - the western version of RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, less complicated than FORTRESS EUROPA so east and west can be put together to run the entire campaign after the fall of France).

Probably not: BATTLE OF BULL RUN, CONQUISTADOR (slightly expanded from the SPI version)

No: RICHESSE DU MONDE

Does anybody out there actually CARE?

IF you said NO, then why don't YOU write articles for LOM? OTHERWISE, what I write GOES. For example, I've got over 1/2 a page left AND I have a Philosophy paper due tomorrow (don't worry, it's just about finished) PLUS I'm having problems in second-year multivariable calculus; I got an A- on my midterm....

The most talked-about actress of 1982 will be AILEEN QUINN.

All right, who said "Who?"

Maybe you've heard of ALBERT FINNEY, BERNADETTE PETERS, CAROL BURNETT, and SANDY (appearing as itself).

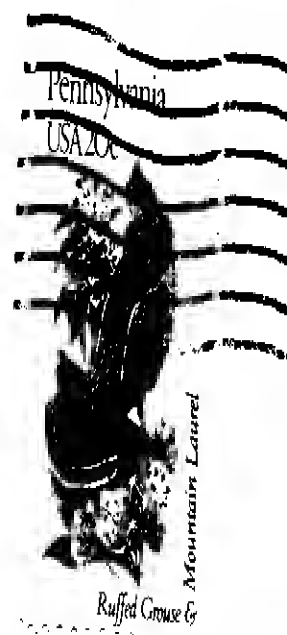
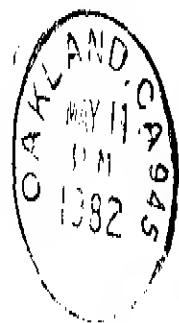
Now you've got it?

(Aileen Quinn has the title role in the movie version of ANNIE.)

Finally, as a personal service, here's some white space you can use to solve all of life's little problems.....

That was nice of me to do
that for you...

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